

preacher in the pulpit or any social event on hand.

7. Attend all the children's meetings, and sit in the front pew. Tell how much you enjoyed it and how much better meetings they used to have when you attended the Sunday-school.

8. Be sure to criticize the preacher and your fellow-members; always saying you do not know why they do so and so, and that you know they didn't do that when you attended.

9. Give yourself no concern whatsoever about the expenses of the church, but tell everybody you speak to that they are getting dreadfully in debt.

10. Keep right on saying that you don't know what ails the church. You know it is going down, but you can't see why, but intimate that it is because certain ones are in the lead, and they need to change pastors.

11. Never call upon your pastor, socially or otherwise, and never invite him to your home, and never compliment his sermons, but tell him of the good sermon you heard the scholarly Dr. Gush preach at the — church on last Sunday.

12. Play the martyr on all occasions; let everybody know how badly your feelings were hurt and that you don't see how you will ever get over it, and feel at home again in that church. Of course you are going to keep right on being good, and going to heaven when you die, and want all the brethren to meet you there, but you don't see how some of them are going to do it.

13. When you go to church manage to get in late, and drop down on the first seat you come to; there is nothing quite so killing as to show how utterly indifferent you are.

14. Never ask any one to attend the service of your church, but recommend the preacher and the social spirit of some neighboring church, always saying that you don't know what in the world has gotten hold of that church, meaning, of course, the one to which you belong.

15. Criticize the choir, and find fault with the singing. To kill the choir hastens the death of the church, as singing is said to be the life of the service. The choir should be killed at once, if you want to hasten your work.

16. Don't hesitate to go to all the lodge meetings, political gatherings, and social events which may occur on the evening of the prayer service, and then tell to sinners far and wide what a good time you had.

17. If at all convenient, attend other churches quite often, and give a glowing report of the large congregation, the beautiful service, the splendid sermon and the inspiring singing; and how much you felt at home, and how very kindly they treated you.

18. Contrive to make yourself the head of a clique, and by their assistance and your industry, keep the church in hot water generally.

19. Tell the people that you are in the church by force of circumstances, but have no respect for the way in which business is conducted.

20. Publish on all occasions that you have no confidence in the concern. Predict that it must fall, go down, blow up, and can never succeed, and that you have again and again told them so, but they would not listen.

21. Discard charity and candor; take distrust to your bosom, and make scheming your specialty, and always say that no one pays any attention to you.

22. It is a good thing to now and then hint that if you were to tell all you know about Brother Blank and Sister Crank, that some people would get their eyes open, and that you just didn't see how you can stay in the church any longer if something isn't done; but never think that you are the one to do that something.

23. Publish all the faults you see in others, taking care to magnify them to the fullest extent, minify the good, and when you hear it mentioned, always say, Yes, but you don't know that one as well as some others do.

24. Hurry out from the service lest the pastor or some member should get to speak to you, and you could no longer truthfully say, "They never noticed me."

25. It will hasten the death of the church for you to make a subscription and not pay it, provided you keep right on making money and living a worldly life.

26. Never allow any one to suspicion that you are a member of the church, and if it should leak out, carefully and fully explain how it comes that your name is on the church book, and that you do not apologize for the way they do things up there.

27. Of course, if you or any of your family should get sick, you must expect the pastor to come and see you, but you are under no obligation whatsoever to send him word. No, it would not do to phone him; that would disturb the sick. Let the pastor find it out; that is his business, and not yours.

28. If it is Foreign Mission Day, you be a firm believer in, and a liberal giver to, Home Missions; and if it be Home Mission Day, you be a firm believer in, and a liberal giver to Foreign Missions; and if it be Educational Day, you be a firm believer in the old-time way of "doin' things," and tell "em" that if we had more "Holy Ghost preachers" and less Education, the church would be better off; and if it is Convention Day, why, then, don't be a believer in anything and "let 'em" know that you don't give "nothin'" to nobody.

29. If you faithfully try these rules and the church does not die, it will be time for you to repent, confess your sins, return to your place in the house of God, seek the fellowship of the saints, and contribute to all the collections.—Selected.

THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH.

There is danger that the Church lost sight of its real genius and purpose and spirit in the multitude of calls for help in social service. That there are a multitude of such calls no one will deny, and they are all good and are the expression of real need and of the Church's earnest desire to meet the need. Care should be had lest we imagine that looking after externals is the Church's chief business. True, godliness gives "promise of the life that now is," but it does so because it holds for promise also "of that which is to come." The Church's chief business is to preach the gospel of God's love, of repentance and release from the power and penalty of sin. Nothing will take the place of personal consecration, and all social redemptive work will fail without it.—Lutheran Evangelist.